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# Abstract: David Edward Myers

Mr. Myers is related to many of the early well-known settlers of Fort Bend County including, several county judges, a county treasurer and a county clerk. His family history includes Cinco Ranch, Fulshear/Foster, Morton & Dyer cemeteries, Freedom Town, Stafford, and Richmond.

David shares stories about kinder and gentler times when if kids got into a little mischief, they were told to go home – and they did! He donated his family's 1826 Bible, containing family names and dates of birth, marriage and death to the Fort Bend Museum.

David, a CPA, retired from ExxonMobil, where he worked in the controllers group and on the commercial side as a natural gas trader. He then worked as the director of royalty Audit for Texas General Land office in Austin before retiring again.

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## **Interview Summary**

**People** (in order mentioned in interview)

Bassett Blakely – rancher

Dr. Wheless - dentist

John Foster – Austin 300 land grantee

Randolph Foster – Austin 300 land grantee, 2nd great grandfather

Austin's 300 – original settlers in Texas

Stephen F. Austin – Empressario

Myers Doziers – grandmother

Rev. Charles Martin Myers – maternal grandfather, Methodist preacher

Dale Dutton, Duncan Salmons, Donnie Hubbard, Mary Frances Morehead, Tommy Sue Morehead and Freddy Morsbach – school classmates

Matt Coyle - school friend

Bettygene Coyle - Matt's spouse and friend

Tiny Gaston – County Sheriff

David McElwee – great grandfather

Lucy Matilda "Mattie" Foster McElwee – great grandmother

Mrs. Rosenbush – Foster postmistress

Jane Long – historic Texas figure

C. C. Dyers – grandmother's friend

Suzzanne Boone – cousin

Robert Rankin – ancestor buried in state cemetery

Lucy Ruffin Hunter – married Randolph Foster

Clem Dyer Myers – grandfather & county clerk

August Myers – great-grandfather

Clem David Myers – father

Sydney Sanford Store – merchant

Mahalia Jackson – international Gospel singer

John Moore, Hilmar Moore – local community leaders

Charles Schultz – uncle & county judge

Lucille Schultz – aunt

Rev. Charles Martin Myers – maternal grandfather, descendant of Robert Rankin

Isadora (Icie) Myers – maternal grandmother

Charles Morton – maternal grandfather

Sara Stafford

Frankie (Fritz) Bell Myers – mother and county treasurer

Florence Myers – great-grandmother

Randonlay Brindle Foster

Susan Sengel Myers – spouse

David Dewhurst – Commissioner, Texas General Land Office

#### Places / Businesses

Houston, Texas

Baptist Memorial Hospital, Houston

Cinco Ranch – five partners

Cinco Ranch Real Estate Development

Katy-Gaston Road

Addicks Dam

Mississippi

Fort Bend County

Waller County

Natchez, Mississippi

Woodville, Mississippi

Foster, Texas

World War II

Sutton Elementary School, Houston

Brenham, Texas

Fulshear, Texas

Richmond, Texas

Old Richmond High School, Richmond

Palms Theater, Sugar Land

Texas History Club, high school club

Morton Cemetery

Dyer Cemetery

Fulshear Cemetery

State Cemetery, Austin, Texas

Fort Bend County Courthouse

Calvary Episcopal Church

University of Oklahoma (O. U.)

Colorado School of Mines, Golden, Colorado

Freedman Town, Richmond

Sydney Sanford Store

Texas Southern University

Moore Ranch

**Buns Station** 

Yoakum, Texas

Richmond Theater

Lexington, Texas

Giddings, Texas

Wharton, Texas

Glen Flora, Texas

Bassett Blakely Ranch

Victoria, Texas

Sharpstown, Texas

El Campo, Texas

Southwestern University

Georgetown, Texas

Bremen, Germany

Europe

Galveston, Texas

Stafford, Texas

Fort Bend County Museum, Richmond

New Orleans, Louisiana

Florida

Civil War

Terry's Rangers

Texas Revolution

Wharton Junior College

University of Houston (UH), Houston

Fort Smith, Arkansas

Exxon-Mobil

NYMEX (New York Mercantile

Exchange)

Miami, FL, Denver, CO, Dallas, TX – day

trading network

Enron

Mobile Natural Gas Inc. (MNGAI

Duke Energy

Austin, Texas

Land Office - Texas General Land Office

Director of the Royalty Audit, Texas

General Land Office

Rosenberg, Texas

Rosenberg High School

Richmond High School

Lamar Consolidated

Jane Long Junior High

DePelchin Faith Home

### **Events**

David Myers provides a detailed accounting of many of his ancestors who came to Fort Bend County by way of Stephen F. Austin's Old 300 and by marriage.

He is related to many of the early settlers of the county including numerous elected officials. His father worked on the original Cinco Ranch before it became a master-planned community.

David spent many years as a CPA for Exxon Mobil before retiring the first time. He later was a day trader, then Director of royalty Audit for the Texas General Land Office.

He and his wife Susan raised two children and now enjoy retirement.